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UGANDA
NOR. NIGERIA
No. 17807

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15 MAY 08

Office or Individual.
March 11.
1908
at previous Paper.

(Subject.)

Land Concessions

Request copies of regulations &c.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Antrobus

This gentleman appears to be a Belgian and I can see no reason why we should answer his questions which are in the nature of fishing inquiries with a view of elicit[ing] something which may assist the Leopold party in rebutting our charges against the Congo State.

Refer him to the diplomatic channel.

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Mr. S. D. Moore wants the same information with a view to his

March 26 1908

Subsequent Paper.

regarding the matter

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J.W.

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16 May 1908

Dear Sir Francis,

Your very kind letter of May 5th duly to hand, and I beg to thank you very much for same. I am greatly obliged for the complimentary way in which you are good enough to appreciate my speech.

As you were so kind as to put yourself at my disposal for any other information you could desire, I would be very pleased to have if possible, some details on the questions indicated in the enclosed note. I hope I am not besparring too much upon your kindness, and thanking you again very much, I remain, dear Sir Francis

Yours very truly

I enc.

Sir Francis Hopwood

Colonial Office
London

On page 1906 of the Colonial Office List 1908, there is a statement as to recent concessions granted in British East Africa.

What are the regulations under which these concessions are given? What is the land on which they bear?

I understand it to be unoccupied and unassigned land which is considered as the property of the State. Is this correct, and if so, where can I find the regulations which, under this head, govern British East African Protectorates, Uganda Protectorate and Northern Nigeria?

To what extent have concessions been granted in these Colonies.

Is there a general form of contract for these concessions? If so, is it possible to have a copy of same?

What measures are taken for the protection of the natives?

(If possible, I should be very pleased to obtain printed copies of the Regulations or Rules to which reference would be made, and I shall be glad to pay the cost of same).

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Monsieur J. Franch

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 16th ult.

I am directed by the Earl of Arundel to furnish you with the following information on the subject of concessions in certain British Protectorates.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Uffis 3/6
- Mr. Stanchey 4/5
- Mr. Just
- X Mr. Anselmus W. B. Magist
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Hopwood
- X Colonel Lecky 12.8.*
- Mr. Stanshill
- Paul of France
- X The Bishop of Exeter

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per 19557/08

2. In the C.A.P. H.M.S. your claims by virtue of the Protectorate to disposal of all waste unoccupied land

It will of course be remembered that Lord Arundel says in his Minute of May 1808 that he wishes to see the reply before it goes

The general rules for grants of Crown lands are laid down in the Ordinance of which a copy is enclosed. It will be seen that s. 30 specially excludes from such grants land in the possession of natives, & provides that regard shall be had, in addition, to their rights & requirements.

Order No 21 of 1902

In addition large tracts of land have been set aside as Reserves for the native reserves, those the Ukambani Reserves about 1800 square miles to about 115,000 natives their young people migrate

in case of the most actually used by them

Order No 2 of 1903

from increase of population

3. In the Uganda Kingdom Protectorate the conditions position of H.M.'s Govt in respect of the land is similar to that existing in the U.A.P. except that the provisions of the Uganda Kingdom, Toro & Ankole laws have to be & uncultivated lands have been vested in the Govt. by express agreement with the natives. A copy of the Crown Lands Ordinance of Uganda is enclosed.

4 I am to enclose copies of the Returns

of conceptions in Nigeria
of the C.A.P. which has been
given to Parliament
from time to time

5 There is no general
form of contract
for these concessions, but
the Crown Land Orders
indicate the lines
followed in them and
in the larger ones
special clauses are in-
cluded safeguarding
native rights

6. As regards Northern Nigeria,
I am to report that it is not
to be considered as the property of the
Crown, but as land which is
held in trust for the benefit of the
people of Nigeria. In 1900, certain lands
were reserved for the benefit of the
people of Nigeria.

Cd. 1628 (Africa 79)
Cd. 2600 (Africa 99)
Cd. 2931 (Africa 107)
Cd. 2902 (1906)
Return H of C. 612/1
Report on C.A.P. 1905-6

As by order of the
Crown, the land
concessions have hitherto
been granted in Northern Nigeria,
in view of the fact that the
land is reserved for the
benefit of the people of
Nigeria.

may be obtained by Europeans
through the intervention of the Govt.
Europeans are not permitted to
arrange such matters direct with
the natives.

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(Signed) H. W. JUST.

MINUTE.

- Mr.
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- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.